

AMERICANS LOST TWO VILLAGES WHEN ENEMY HIT BACK FIERCELY

Foe is Counter-attacking Along the Entire Battle Front in Marne Area, Blows Being Particularly Heavy in the American Sector

ALLIES MAKE SLIGHT GAINS ON WESTERLY SIDE OF FRONT

German Main Forces Are Reported to be Still Retreating in Orderly Fashion—They Have Nearly a Million Men in That Sector

London, July 30 (by the Associated Press).—The Germans have been counter-attacking very heavily along virtually the entire battle front, according to news that reached London shortly after noon to-day. Their attack was an exceptionally heavy one in the American sector, resulting in driving the Americans out of the village of Cierges, about five and one-half miles southeast of Fere-en-Tardenois.

Another German thrust drove the Americans back from Beugneux, near Grand Rozoy, northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois.

Some advance has been effected by the allies in the Ardre valley along the easterly side of the front, towards the village of Aubilly. A certain amount of ground likewise has been gained near the center in the neighborhood of Villers-Agron-Aiguizy.

The main advance on the westerly side of the front seems to have been at Grand Rozoy, north of Fere-en-Tardenois. The French here are progressing north onto the crest of the plateau between the Vesle and the Ourcq.

There has been heavy fighting near Buzancy, five miles south of Soissons, and also in Plessier wood, about five miles further south. In this latter locality, 45 prisoners were taken, belonging to three divisions of the enemy now engaged in the Marne salient. There are 71 such divisions, of which 10 belong to the northern army of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

The enemy's withdrawal is reported still orderly, and military opinion in London discounts the possibility of any rounding up of Germans in the salient.

AMERICANS ARE HOLDING GROUND NORTH OF OURCQ

Despite Heavy Fire from the Enemy, They Refused to Budge, and They Even Advanced a Little Toward the Road from Seringes to Sergy.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, July 30 (by the Associated Press).—Under a fire from the enemy only slightly less than that of yesterday, the Americans on the front north of the Ourcq held on to their positions this forenoon and even advanced a little toward the road from Seringes to Sergy.

Repeated efforts by the enemy to dislodge the Americans were futile. On the Americans' left, the French are moving forward. To the right the lines are holding steadily.

The guards that were brought in by the Germans to attack the Americans yesterday appeared to-day to have been withdrawn by the German command.

The fighting is the heaviest the Americans have experienced. Their conduct is winning the praise of the French observers.

VERY HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE WHOLE LINE

From Ville-en-Tardenois to Buzancy Was Reported in London Up to Noon To-day.

London, July 30.—(By the Associated Press).—Very heavy fighting has been in progress along the whole battle front from Ville-en-Tardenois to Buzancy, according to advices received up to noon to-day. It has resulted, so far, however, in very little progress for the allies.

GERMAN DEFENSE LINE SEEMS CERTAIN

It Probably Will Run from Plateau South of the Crise to a Point South of the Ardre River.

Paris, July 30.—The fierceness of the fighting Monday, it is believed here, is a sign that the German retreat has reached its limit and that the enemy will make a stand with his right wing on the plateau south of the Crise and with his left on the hill south of the Ardre. For the defense of this line, it is held the Germans will devote all of General Von Boehm's army and the reserve divisions taken from Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

WHERE WILL GERMAN MAKE THEIR STAND?

(By the Associated Press). The Germans have thrown nearly a million men into the gigantic battle between Soissons and Rheims and have been viciously counter-attacking all around the circular line stretching from Soissons to the neighborhood of Rheims.

Even this formidable force, however, appears to have made not more than a dent or two in the allied front in its latest effort, while at various points progress for the allies, slight but important, is reported.

Regarding the strength of the German forces, unofficial advices say there are 71 Teuton divisions engaged in this struggle. The strength of a German division is about 15,000 on a normal footing, so that, if all the units resting the allies north of the Marne have been kept up to standard, there are 958,500 men trying to hold the line until the situation is relieved. Of these divisions, there are 10 drawn from Crown Prince Rupprecht's army in the north.

The German crown prince had in the neighborhood of 500,000 men between Rheims and Chateau Thierry when the attack across the Marne began on July 15. The increase in the number of divisions engaged in the battle would appear to indicate he had since that time drawn heavily on other army groups. It also would seem that this action on his part reflects the importance of this battle in the eyes of the German high command.

Through the German counter blow, the Americans were driven back from Seringes, southeast of Fere-en-Tardenois, while to the northwest of Fere, the Americans also have been forced out of Beugneux, into which they had penetrated after passing through Grand Rozoy.

Buzancy, situated on the west side of the Crise river, about five miles south of Soissons, also has been the scene of heavy fighting, and the battle appears to have been general along the line south of that point, notably in Plessier wood, near where the front turns abruptly to the east.

On the other end of the battle line there have been sharp engagements, but reports credit the allies with making an advance at Aubilly, in the Ardre valley west of Rheims. They also have forged ahead farther down toward the bottom of the pocket, at Villers-Agron-Aiguizy.

While these counter blows against the allied lines are general and of great violence, it is not believed in London that the enemy intends to make a real stand south of the Vesle river. Paris, on the other hand, seems to believe the Germans may have fixed upon the present location of their armies as the field upon which they will turn at bay.

There have been patrol operations along the British front, but nothing significant has occurred there.

Little has been reported to amplify the Copenhagen despatch to the effect that Turkey and Germany had broken off relations. Amsterdam advices, however, indicate Turkey intends to pursue an aggressive policy in the Caucasus region, the field supposedly set aside for German exploitation. This may carry a measure of confirmation of the rumors that the quadruple alliance has broken over the dissolution of the spoils subsequent to the peace treaties with Russia and Rumania.

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NEW WAR AIMS ARE DEMANDED

French Socialists Want the French Government to Model After Wilson

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS ALSO SUGGESTED

Protest Against Russian Intervention Without Russian Socialists' Consent

Paris, July 30.—A resolution demanding that the French government revise its war aims, denouncing imperialist tendencies and setting forth its peace terms on the basis defined by President Wilson has been adopted by the French Socialist party. It was presented before the national council of the party by a minority section headed by Jean Longuet, Socialist member of the Chamber of Deputies.

The resolution demands further that the preliminary negotiations for a league of nations be commenced at once in accordance with the terms and the spirit indicated by President Wilson. It also adheres unreservedly to the reunion of the international social congress and declares the party ready to accept the invitation of Camille Huysmans, secretary of the international Socialist and Belgian leader, Harjalmar Branting, the Swedish Socialist, and Pieter J. Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, for a meeting of Socialists at Berne. In connection with other allied Socialist bodies, the resolution declares every means, even to a refusal to vote war appropriations, should be taken to force the governments to issue the necessary passports for Socialist delegates to attend this conference.

Protests against allied intervention in Russia except that it be carried out with unanimous consent of Russian Socialists, are voiced by the resolution, which concludes with a section regarding the action of certain members of the parliamentary group of Socialists toward the American Federation of Labor, which it says is in open opposition to the decision of all bodies of allied Socialists.

CALLS FOR PENALTY ON GERMAN LEADERS

For the Crimes of 1914—Includes Former Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Others.

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RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

Turkey and Germany Are Said to Be Loggerheads

OVER CONTROL OF CAUCASUS

Turkey Is Said to Be Taking a Very Independent Stand

Amsterdam, July 30.—Turkey is going to handle the situation in the Caucasus, according to her own ideas. This is indicated in a telegram from Constantinople dated July 28, which quotes an article in the newspaper Nasfiki Ekfari presenting the Turkish viewpoint.

"We have nothing to say against the principles laid down in the Brest-Litovsk treaty," says the article, "but when the Caucasus, newly reorganized, turned toward us and, master of its own destinies, refused to be bound by the treaty, what was more natural for us than to take into consideration the necessities of this new situation created on our important eastern front, could we close our ears to the appeal of the government of a people largely of the same race and same creed as ourselves?"

"We are aware of the action, and its present progress, to place under German control Filis and Baku. That is a logical consequence of the application of the Brest-Litovsk treaty. How could this treaty be taken into consideration in the affairs of the Caucasus, seeing that the bolshevik government has not even been able to return to us, in accordance with the treaty, our eastern frontier and that in the Caucasus influences entirely independent of the bolshevik government have arisen?"

This reported attitude on the part of Turkey may account in part for the report received through Copenhagen that Turkey and Germany had severed relations.

AMERICAN TROOPS RIVALED FRENCH, SAYS A. TARDIEU

Everybody at the Front, Including the Germans, Know Now That the American Army Is Worth—Dark Days Are Over, But Hard Months Are Ahead.

Paris, July 30.—American soldiers in the fighting on the Marne salient showed themselves equal to the best French troops, declared Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States at a dinner in his honor last night at the American university union. Professor George Nettleton of Yale university presided and representatives of many American universities and colleges were present.

The dark days are over, but there are hard months ahead, Captain Tardieu said.

A LONE BANDIT ROBBED EXPRESS CAR

Took All the Valuables After Binding and Gagged Express Messenger on Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

Charlottesville, Va., July 30.—An express car on a westbound Chesapeake & Ohio passenger train, passing through here early to-day, was robbed by an unidentified white man, who bound and gagged Express Messenger Marshall of Washington. The safe was emptied of all valuables.

Amsterdam, July 30.—We are ready to conclude an honorable peace as soon as our opponents renounce their hostile plans aiming at our destruction or repression," said Baron Von Hussarek, Austrian premier, in presenting his cabinet to the upper house of the Austrian Parliament, according to Vienna advices. He added, according to the dispatch, that so far as the central powers are concerned the war is a defensive one.

"So long as our opponents hold that view, there is nothing for us but to continue the war and carry it on so vigorously that it will be shortened."

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BARRE AUTO PARTY IN AN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Nellie Milne Got Collarbone Fractured and James Robertson Received Severe Cut Near Newport, N. H.

Returning by auto from a trip to Quincy, Mass., a family party of Barre people figured in a serious accident near Newport, N. H., this morning about 2 o'clock. The owner and driver of the auto, a Ford touring car, was Edwin Ross, a local barber, who was accompanied by James Robertson of Orange street, a member of the firm of A. P. Abbott & Co., his sisters, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Nellie Milne, Miss Maria Milne and two children, Nellie Milne and Edwin Ross, Jr. Mrs. Milne suffered a fractured collar bone and several bruises and it is thought that she also sustained a rib fracture. Mr. Robertson, who was on the front seat, received serious cuts on both thighs and other bruises. Mrs. Ross was slightly injured, but Miss Milne and the two children escaped any painful consequences.

It is said that the car skidded in the gravel after the driver, having vainly attempted the ascent of a steep hill, had backed his car toward the base of the incline. At any rate the car turned over. Mr. Robertson had the presence of mind to push one of the children, who was seated in his lap, away from the machine as it went over, and the other child had an equally narrow escape. No help was at hand, but when the car, which was only partially damaged, had been righted, the party, although some of them were suffering greatly, determined to push on to the nearest village. Newport was the first place reached and there they sought the services of a physician.

Eight stitches were required to close one of the more serious thigh wounds incurred by Mr. Robertson. Mrs. Milne's collarbone fracture was reduced and other injuries in the party were treated. Later the occupants of the car started for home, reaching Barre without further incident this morning. Mr. Robertson is confined to his bed and several days may elapse before he is able to be out, as he is suffering considerably from loss of blood. Mrs. Milne is also confined to the house.

FIRE THREATENED SHEFFIELD VILLAGE

Five Buildings Were Destroyed as the Result of Children's Carelessness with Matches.

Sheffield, July 30.—A fire yesterday afternoon, which destroyed five residences and caused a property loss of \$8,000, seriously threatened the entire village of Sheffield. The fire started in the southern end of the village at 2:30 o'clock, and, fanned by a stiff south wind, swept the main street. The wind changed so frequently it made the situation a serious one. The fire started from matches with which children were playing.

The first property destroyed was that of John Holtham, building and entire contents, loss \$2,000. The next in the path of the wind was the property of Mrs. Alvira Gray of Lyndonville, occupied by P. A. Randall. The entire property, with household effects, was destroyed; no insurance.

The wind changing, the flames spread to the opposite side of the street and burned the house of Miss Hannah Barber, with all its contents. Back to the other side of the street again the fire took the house of Aaron Gray of Littleton, N. H., occupied by Raymond Wood. He lost everything.

The fifth and last piece of property destroyed was that of W. A. Bailey of Sheffield, occupied by Mrs. Emma King. Her household effects were saved.

The village is without fire protection, but within 20 minutes nearly 100 farmers had reached the village and were vigorously fighting the fire. Help was called from Lyndonville, but before it arrived the farmers had the fire under control.

This is the second fire in Sheffield within a few years, the other occurring four years ago, when a part of the village was destroyed, with a loss of \$15,000. This was never rebuilt.

SHOTS EXCHANGED WITH POWDER THIEVES

Persistent Efforts Have Been Made to Rob Powder House of American Steel & Wire Co. at Keene, N. H.

Keene, N. H., July 30.—Watchmen at the Westmoreland plant of the American Steel & Wire Co. of Worcester, fired to rob the powder house at the company's fluorite mines, from which 50 pounds of dynamite was stolen Sunday. The guards exchanged shots yesterday with the robbers and William Moulthrop, an employee, was slightly injured.

Because of the repeated efforts to obtain explosives from the storehouse, the case was reported to federal authorities at Concord, who went to the mines to-day to make an investigation. Search was made for the thieves and the dynamite, but no clue was found.

SUGAR PRICE LIKELY TO GO UP A CENT

According to Statement Issued by G. M. Rolph, Chairman of the International Sugar Committee.

New York, July 30.—An increase to the consumer of one cent a pound in the price of sugar is indicated in a statement issued here to-day by George M. Rolph, chairman of the international sugar committee, after a conference with representatives of the Cuban government. Sugar authorities of the Cuban and United States governments will meet in Washington next week to decide on the 1919 prices.

DRAFT TREATIES ARE RATIFIED

Agreement Formally Signed Between United States and Great Britain

ARE EFFECTIVE FROM TO-DAY

Official Announcement Was Issued by the State Department

Washington, D. C., July 30.—Ratification of the draft treaties between the United States and Great Britain and Canada were exchanged to-day at London. It was officially stated at the state department, making them effective from to-day.

100 VERMONTERS TO LEAVE AUG. 5

Chittenden and Rutland Counties Are to Furnish a Dozen Apiece—Washington County Is Asked for Nine.

Another call for men from Vermont was received this morning by Governor Graham in which 100 men will go to Syracuse, N. Y., on Aug. 5. No explanation was received as to the kind of service into which they are to go more than that those qualified for special or limited service will be called. By counties the quotas are Addison 6, Benning 7, Caledonia 7, Chittenden 12, Essex 3, Franklin 9, Grand Isle 3, Lamoille 4, Orange 7, Orleans 7, Rutland No. 1 8, Rutland No. 2 4, Washington 9, Windham 7, Windsor 7.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEN Selected to Go to Syracuse, N. Y., on Aug. 5.

The following men were called this afternoon by the Washington local board for men to go to Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 5: Warren E. Wilford, Barre. Richard T. Herbert, Waterbury. James G. Jary, Montpelier. Henry Bean, Plainfield. Henry F. Colton, Montpelier. Alfredo Lawfranco, Barre. Charles N. LaPointe, Barre. Nicholas Tanerette, Barre. John Mastacusa.

THREE MEN SENT. Orange County Quota Going to Syracuse To-day.

Chelsea, July 30.—Call No. 963 for 40 men from Vermont who are qualified for limited military service has been filled from Orange county by the naming of Marshall M. Rugg of Bradford, Neal L. Allis of Thetford and George Frederick Flint of Chelsea, and they were mobilized at Montpelier to-day to go to Syracuse, N. Y., and later they will be assigned to guard duty at some port of embarkation. The party was mobilized by Chairman M. C. Knight.

Dr. John F. Gifford of Randolph, who has been a member of the board and its examining physician since November, 1917, having received a captain's commission, has tendered his resignation as a member of the board, and the same has been accepted by Gov. Graham, and Dr. Augustus T. Marshall of Chelsea, who has been assistant examiner on the board since last December, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Gifford. Dr. W. C. Mitchell of Tunbridge has been appointed assistant examiner. The board, as newly organized, held its first physical examination last week Thursday, when 33 registrants were examined; 19 of whom passed for general military service and two for limited service, the other 12 men being found disqualified for military service.

KNOCKED CHIMNEY OFF. Lightning Struck a House in Montpelier This Morning.

Lightning struck the house of John Henry on Elm street, Montpelier, during the hard storm this morning, knocking the chimney off, smashing a hole in the roof and giving the family of George Labershire a severe fright, although not injuring them. The house did not take fire.

Lines of all kinds around Montpelier were put out of commission or seriously interfered with.

FOUND 295 BOTTLES OF JAMAICA GINGER

An Orleans Man Was Fined \$300 and Costs of \$14 for Illegal Selling.

Orleans, July 30.—State's Attorney Stoddard delivered a search warrant to Deputy Sheriff Jennings of Barton, who was directed to search the premises of F. E. Nelson, whose place of business was reported to be too frequently visited by thirty individuals. The deputy found 295 bottles of Jamaica ginger and the proprietor was brought before Judge Wright Nelson and fined \$300 and costs amounting to \$14 for selling a beverage that caused intoxication. The state's attorney is endeavoring to have all laws enforced in Orleans county and Saturday six automobiles were held up in Newport and fined for speeding in the city limits. There were several prominent Newport citizens in the lot as well as several from other parts of the county.